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Your Chaplain's/RP's Role in Personal, Family, Community Readiness

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the ***Vision of the Chaplain Corps.***

Our vision is to enrich morally and spiritually the relationships of all men and women of the Sea Services to God and to one another by:

- ***Energizing people with hope***
- ***Mobilizing the institution with moral leadersh***
- ***Strengthening people through pastoral ca***
- ***Building community.***

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Religious Ministry Support Mission

TASK to develop and strengthen the spiritual and moral well-being of the Marines, Sailors, and their families.

INTENT to strengthen the Marine Corps' Operational Readiness and Mission Capability across the range of military operations.

EXECUTION enhancing personal, family, community readiness.

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Personal, Family, Community Readiness

Why is this critical?

Every minute a Marine or Sailor spends worrying about their family is a minute they are not fully alert and focused on the Mission.

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Your RMT is much more than the Parish Pastor / Rabbi / Imam .....

INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRY

- **Confidentiality (personal)**
- **Marine Corps Family Team Building (family)**
- **Key Volunteer Network (community)**
- **CREDO**
- **Personal, Family & Community Readiness**

In Support of WELLNESS FOR WARFIGHTING

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Confidentiality

Someone Marines, Sailors, and family members can trust.

Someone YOU can trust.

Someone with the *professional skills to discern when*
the Commander's action is required.

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Marine Corps Family Team Building

The Command MCFTB Team

* Commanding Officer
* Family Readiness Officer
* Key Voluteer Coordinator
* Command Chaplain

The Initiatives:

KVN

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Role of the RP

- Professional Administrator for Chaplain
  - Bodyguard for Chaplain in Combat
    - Qualified M16 Rifle/9MM Pistol

Training

- RP "A" School (Basic)
  - RP "C" School (Advanced) E-5 & above
    - RPs assigned to FMF units receive field training at CREST/Field Medical Service School

Vision for future of RP rating

- **All RPs complete FMF training**
  - **Send RPs to MCT to complete FMF training**
    - **Identity with Marines**

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Where will you find your RMT?

1. **During combat and MOOTW operations,**

- the RMT is positioned as far forward as possible to provide ministry to the Marines and Sailors.

2. **During training operations, deployments, and when forward deployed,**

- the RMT is an integral part of the command's training and operational schedule.

3. **When in garrison,**

- A Seamless Ministry

So, What is an RMT?

Your Religious Ministry Team (RMT)

consists of

- Chaplain(s),

- Religious Program Specialist(s),

- and other designated command members

(CAs, GS employees & appointed Lay Readers)

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The RMT provides Marines, Sailors, and families with ....

* ***Resources / Opportunities for Spiritual Growth***
* ***Solutions for Moral Dilemmas***
* ***Critical Incident Debriefings for Stress and Distress***
* ***Awareness / Alternatives for Suicide***

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Into the Next Century ....

Your thoughts....

Your outlook.....

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Thank You.

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